

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT CHATTANOOGA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	1:24-cr-117-2
v.)	
)	Judge Collier
JOSEPH WATKINS)	Magistrate Judge Dumitru

ORDER

Magistrate Judge Mike Dumitru filed a report and recommendation recommending that the Court: (1) grant Defendant's motion to withdraw his not guilty plea as to Count Three of the three-count Indictment, that is, possession of a firearm and ammunition by a convicted felon, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1); (2) accept Defendant's guilty plea as to Count Three of the Indictment; (3) adjudicate the Defendant guilty of Count Three of the Indictment; and (4) order that Defendant remain in custody until sentencing in this matter (Doc. 37). Neither party filed a timely objection to the report and recommendation. After reviewing the record, the Court agrees with Magistrate Judge Dumitru's report and recommendation. Accordingly, the Court **ACCEPTS** and **ADOPTS** the Magistrate Judge's report and recommendation (Doc. 37) pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Defendant's motion to withdraw his not guilty plea as to Count Three of the Indictment is **GRANTED**;
2. Defendant's plea of guilty to Count Three of the Indictment is **ACCEPTED**;
3. Defendant is hereby **ADJUDGED** guilty of Count Three of the Indictment; and
4. Defendant **SHALL REMAIN** in custody until sentencing in this matter which is scheduled to take place on **July 16, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. [EASTERN]** before the undersigned.

SO ORDERED.

ENTER:

/s/
CURTIS L. COLLIER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE